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Amendment of the Claims

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of Claim 4, if amended into independent form, and allowance of Claims 9-18, 26, and 27 are appreciated. Claim 1 is amended herein to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 4 in independent form, and the non-allowed claims are cancelled. Please enter the amendments to the Claims as shown in the appended marked-up listing thereof. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. No new matter is deemed to have been added to the amended Claims.

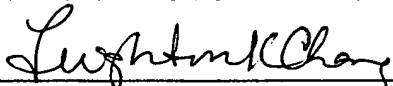
Objections to Drawings

Clean formal drawings with all corrections in printed form were previously submitted with the prior Amendment. A Notice of Noncompliant Amendment was issued to Applicant requesting Annotated Copies of the Drawings to show the corrections being made, which was supplied and is apparently what is referred to by the Examiner in the current Action. A further set of copies of the clean formal drawings are submitted herewith.

Request for Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time for response to the Examiner's Action, i.e., until November 16, 2006. Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 503195 for the \$450.00 extension fee (large entity).

Respectfully submitted,
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